



**MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD,
LEARNING EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION OF
WEST BROWARD COUNTY, INC.
d/b/a IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AT WESTON
MEETING MINUTES - April 18, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:51 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Erika Barnes, Jhanet Garcia, Priscilla Prado Stroze, Pascale Royal and Jason Montan. The following persons were also present: Paul Eichner, (attorney), Nadine Laham, (Principal), Jacky Vernon (Region Director Imagine Schools), Theresa Sumner (Assistant Principal), Susana Padilla (Curriculum Coach), Karen Gross (Business Manager), and Elsa Forthmuller (Finance Director, South Florida Region)

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Ms. Laham confirmed public notice was given via the website, email blast and posted on the front door of the school.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Montan made the motion to approve the March 21st, 2017 Elementary minutes. Mrs. Royal seconded the motion. Mrs. Barnes made the motion to approve the Middle School minutes with the date changed to March 21, 2017. Ms. Garcia seconded the motion.

Mrs. Barnes motioned to take out of turn item #7 to discuss board vacancy issue. Mr. Montan seconded the motion.

- A suggestion was made that the consideration for governing board candidates be postponed until next meeting. It was suggested that the candidates' information be shared.

Mrs. Barnes made the motion to postpone the vote on new board member until May 15, 2017 meeting. Mrs. Royal seconded the motion. Ayes: Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Royal, Mrs. Prado Stroze, & Mr. Montan. Opposed Ms. Garcia.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Elementary SGA used book sale yielded over \$1,000
- The school talent show on April 6th was an amazing production this year. It lasted about 4 hours and had two parts. Part one was elementary through 3rd grade. Part two was 4th, 5th and middle school. Great production and fantastic talent.
- State testing begins tomorrow and runs through May.
- The Parent Survey opened April 17th. One survey per family to be completed and returned to school in sealed envelope. Surveys to be read by Imagine Corporate, Region and then School.
- Report cards will be issued April 20th for the third quarter. Any Middle Schoolers in jeopardy of not passing for the year have been notified.
- New student orientation (Kindergarten & 4th) will be on April 24th.
- The middle school family picnic is tentatively scheduled for April 30th.
- Interim reports for the fourth quarter will be issued May 4th.
- Cinco de Mayo Dances - May 5th - Middle school will be the spring fling.
- The book fair returns May 11th with a Family Book night which includes elementary yearbook signing.
- Duke TIP - Five 7th grade Imagine Weston Middle school students were invited to participate and take either the SAT or ACT test. We have 3 state winners who will be recognized at a ceremony in early May in Boca Raton. One grand recognition winner has been invited to Duke University in North Carolina for a special ceremony at the end of May.

- Karen Breitbart is up for Teacher of the Year for all Imagine Schools. Her video was uploaded Thursday. A professional company helped work on it, and parents and students gave testimonials in the video.
- 6th graders have submitted artwork to a competition in the Weston Regional Library.
- The 100 building will be closed this summer for cleaning. It will not be used for summer camps.
- Teacher intentions went out this week.
- Happy Mother's Day - May 14th.
- St. Augustine Parent Night - May 15th

REGION DIRECTOR: JACQUELYN VERNON –

- Ms. Vernon commended Ms. Laham on the DukeTip search. She was the only principal in the region who pursued it.
- The inspection of the campus was completed over spring break. The final bill needs to be paid before report will be released.
- Imagine CEO, Jason Bryant, visited some of the Region's schools (including Weston) last month just after the board meeting. Mrs. Prado Stroze was there to meet with him. He was very nice and approachable. He apologized for not providing more notice and for not attending the board meeting. He was trying to get in as many ~~things/schools~~ as possible during his two day visit. He asked to be kept informed about the golf tournament. He will be providing a report on all of the schools to Ms. Laham and Ms. Vernon and they can share it.

↓ school visits

LEASE UPDATES

- None

BOARD ACTION

- Board vacancy decision, as identified above, will be decided at the May 15, 2017 meeting.
- Mrs. Barnes made the motion to contract with Berman Hopkins for a one year extension and to do a RFP for the following year. Mr. Montan seconded the motion. All ayes.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Several attendees inquired about "All in for Excellence" and its purpose. Still some more clarification needs to be provided.
- Prospective Board member conversation about the delay in voting of members.

BOARD INPUT

- It was suggested that there be a calendar and set up different fundraisers on a yearly basis. Give parents an idea of what fundraising opportunities will be available throughout the year.
- Golf will be a big gala next year. Date to be determined
- Fun Run is for families.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 15th, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 P.M.